Allocation of finance to Sardar Sarover and Narmada Sagar Dams

2132. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have integrated approach to the Sardar Sarovar Dam and Narmada Sagar Dam in allocating finances to these two projects;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission have taken the views of the World Bank in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereto; and

(d) what has been the final decision/recommendations in clearing these two projects?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The World Bank Group has committed a IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) loan of US $ 200 million plus IDA (International Development Association) credit of SDRs (Special Drawing Rights) 249.20 million for the Sardar Sarovar Project. Narmada Sagar project is in the pipeline for World Bank assistance and no decision has yet been taken on the quantum of financial assistance to be given by the Bank.

(d) Planning Commission has accorded investment clearance on 5.10.1988 to the Sardar Sarovar Project for its estimated cost of Rs. 6406 04 crores. As regards to Narmada Sagar Dam investment clearance is still to be accorded by the Planning Commission.

Purchase of defence equipment from foreign companies

2133. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a scheme to do away with the middlemen (Local agents) in purchase of defence equipment from foreign companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) since when this scheme was introduced;

(d) whether any local agents were engaged in the purchase of M. 15 guns from M/s. Bofors of Sweden; and

(e) if so, what are their name?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Consolidated instructions have been issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, on the 31st January, 1989, which comprehensively lay down Government's policy regarding the role of Indian agents. The Ministry of Defence shall be shortly issuing supplementary Instructions.

(d) There has been no acquisition by Government of M-15 guns from M/s. Bofors of Sweden.

(e) Does not arise.

Explanation sought from Bofors regarding payments in Howitzer Gun deal

2134. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought explanation from M/s. Bofors Company on the basis of the information which appeared in the 'Hindu' recently;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the information which appeared in the HINDU; and

(c) whether any nexus has been found in the news item and the M/s. Bofors explanation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The documents which appeared in the "HINDU" were examined by the Government and the CBI has been asked to undertake necessary inquiries into all the relevant aspects of these documents.

पर्वतीय क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रम

2135. **श्री पृथ्वी माझी** : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् ने मध्य प्रदेश के कतिपय पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों को पर्वतीय क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रम में शामिल करने के लिए विशेषज्ञ दल की सिफारिशों को स्वीकृति दे दी है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो यह स्वीकृति कब तक दे दिये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इन क्षेत्रों के सर्वतोन्मुखी विकास के लिए तथा विशेषतः इन क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले जनजातीय लोगों के कल्याण तथा विकास के लिए पर्वतीय क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रम में क्या-क्या उपबन्ध तथा लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये जायेंगे ?

योजना तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी) : (क) और (ख) यह मामला राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् के विचारार्थ अभी तक नहीं आया है।

(ग) पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए विस्तृत दृष्टिकोण और कार्य-नीति सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना प्रलेख के अध्याय 16 में दी गई है।

Number of IPKF men in Sri Lanka

2136. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 785 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 1989 and state the number of IPKF men presently remaining in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): The present strength of IPKF in Sri Lanka is approximately 50,000.

Indian Air Force aircraft crashes

2137. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of types of Indian Air Force aircraft that have crashed/met with accidents as yet in each year of the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the resulting yearly loss of lives and property;

(b) whether in each enquiry was ordered and corrective measures were taken according to the findings;

(c) the types of the aircraft which had more than two accidents/crashes; and

(d) which of the above types were ordered to be grounded, for intensive inspection| testing and what were the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) It would not be in public interest to disclose the information in this regard.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It would not be in public interest to disclose this information.